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payee designated in the judgment or settlement agreement.

§ 256.53 How does the submitting agency know when payment is made?

FMS will e-mail the agency contact when payment is disbursed, if the agency contact has provided an email address on the appropriate Judgment Fund form. Also, FMS maintains an on-line payment status system that the submitting agency can access to determine the status of a payment. The payment reporting system can be accessed from the Judgment Fund Web site at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/judgefund>.

§ 256.54 What happens if FMS denies a request for payment?

FMS must deny any request for payment that fails to satisfy the requirements of 31 U.S.C. 1304. The submitting agency may request reconsideration of a payment denial. The submitting agency must provide an explanation of how the request for payment meets the four tests contained in section 256.1 of this part. If applicable, requests for reconsideration must contain a reference to the agency's program authority and include specific funding provisions that pertain to the program activity that resulted in the claim. If, upon reconsideration, FMS determines that payment from the Judgment Fund is appropriate, and the agency has already made payment to the plaintiff or claimant, FMS will reimburse the agency from the Judgment Fund.

Subpart G—Private Relief Bills

§ 256.60 How do I get paid for a Private Relief Bill?

You may apply for payment by sending a request letter along with supporting documentation, to include a copy of the private relief act and proof of your identity, to the address specified on the FMS Web site at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/privaterelief>.

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PART 270—AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS

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§ 270.1 Rules governing availability of information.

The records of the Financial Management Service required by 5 U.S.C. 552 to be made available to the public shall be made available in accordance with the definitions, procedures and other provisions of the regulations on the Disclosure of Records of the Office of the Secretary and of other bureaus and offices of the Department issued under 5 U.S.C. 552 and published as part 1 of title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations, except as provided in these regulations.

§ 270.2 Materials available for inspection and copying.

(a) *Materials available.* The materials in the Financial Management Service which are required by 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2) to be made available for public inspection and copying are the following:

(1) Final opinions, as well as orders, made in the adjudication of cases. These will include final dispositions of claims on Government checks which are of a precedential nature. Generally, however, the Financial Management Service does not issue orders in the adjudication of cases.

(2) Statements of policy and interpretations which have been adopted by the Service and are not published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(3) Administrative staff manuals and instructions to staff that affect a member of the public. These materials include sections of the Treasury Financial Manual and such Department Circulars applicable to Financial Management Service operations, that have been determined by the agency to affect a member of the public, and have